



# MagiCurrents



## President's Message

by Gary Schwartzwald

I hope you all had a great time at the installation. I really enjoyed: seeing the large turnout, eating the delicious food, presenting the awards and watching the memorable Max Howard perform. Finally the contests winners were announced. Congratulations to Don Soul and double congratulations to Paul Thomey. Having three Members of the Year was a great surprise, but I can't argue too much, the person I voted for won. Again congratulations to the very deserving Julie Dale, Tom La Chance and Don Soul. The biggest treat of the evening for me was when Dick Dale announced that IBM San Diego Ring 76 is the recipient of a Ring Quality Award honoring us as a Superior Quality Ring. Thank you to all Ring and Board members. I appreciate that this happened under my watch, but I realize it happened because of all of you. We have a Ring to be proud of.

Max Howard held a great lecture on the night following the installation. The turnout was a little small, but talk to the people who attended and you'll find that it was great and has a lasting value for those of us in attendance. Thank you to Dick Dale for encouraging Max to come out and share his expertise with us. Our next meeting will be a lecture by David Neighbors. David is reputedly an outstanding coin magician who is second only to that other David who does some coin magic. We ex-

pect him to lecture mostly on coins but also do a fair amount of card work. I hope to see you there and remember the lecture is free to members.

Early in July I attended my first IBM Convention. I won't go on and on about it, not too much anyway. I know many of our members have been to many conventions but I strongly encourage you attend a convention if you haven't been to one yet. It was definitely not perfect and certainly had some low lights, but over all I saw a lot of great magic done by a wide variety of magicians. I really enjoyed some magicians that I had never heard of before or knew very little about. So ask around and find the convention that's right for you.

Thank you for your support of me as president of our Ring. I think we have a great year planned, but please, let me know what you think.

*Gary S*

This month's meeting will be a lecture by David Neighbors, second only to David Roth in the field of coin magic. The lecture is one of two free seminars offered to members of Ring 76 this year. The 6:30 pm pre-meeting will include Ring business and the raffle. After that, get ready to marvel at the mysteries of David's prestidigitation.

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## Ring 76 July Meeting

*by Don Soul, secretary*

Local TV newscaster and past-president of Ring 76, **Jack White**, hosted our officers' installation banquet this year - a catered affair on the premises of Jack's magic "museum" - an astounding historical collection of books and props. The 80 guests filled up the hall quickly and enjoyed a bar-b-cue style dinner. Afterwards, the awards ceremony began.

President **Gary Schwartzwald** called for the incumbent board members to join him on stage as he presented plaques to each officer for a job well done. The new board then assembled for the swearing-in ceremony. That wasn't hard to do: **Tom Kasner**, out-going sergeant-at-

arms, and past-president **Greg Wauson** took their seats while incoming sergeant-at-arms, **Ralph Mauzy**, and member-at-large, **Paul Thomey**, joined the reelected board members. They are: Gary Schwartzwald (president), **Dick Dale** (entertainment VP), **Tom La Chance** (membership VP), **Don Soul** (secretary) and **Julie Dale** (treasurer). Next was the awarding of Member of the Year. In an unprecedented three-way tie of membership voting at last month's election, Julie Dale, Tom La Chance and Don Soul each received their own Member of the Year plaque and a rousing "thank you" applause from the audience. This was followed by the presentation of special entertainment awards.

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## Ring 76 July Board Meeting

*by Don Soul, secretary*

The July board meeting took place on the 20th at the home of **Tom La Chance**. Attending were Gary Schwartzwald, Dick and Julie Dale, Don Soul and Paul Thomey. The session opened with planning the evening meeting themes for the next 12 months. The Close-Up and Stand-Up competitions will remain as well as the officers' pass-the-mat presentations.

After the majority of meetings were planned, attention was turned to reducing newsletter costs. An examination of the mailing list by Dick and Tom will determine if compered copies should be removed. Also discussed was whether or not a four-page issue would be better, cost-wise. It was agreed that whatever quantity of news is available will determine the number of pages and that the picture page shouldn't be eliminated at this time.

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### About Ring 76...

- Members must be at least 12 years old
- Non-members may attend three Ring 76 meetings at no charge (except for special events)
- Local dues are \$20 per year (under 18 years is \$10)
- Membership in the IBM international organization is required. IBM dues are \$40 the first year. You will then receive "The Linking Ring" magazine, one of magic's best publications.
- Prospective members are required to perform a five-minute magic audition at a Ring 76 meeting.
- Ring 76 members receive the monthly MagiCurrents newsletter and may attend all monthly meetings at no charge.



# Ring 76 Installation Banquet

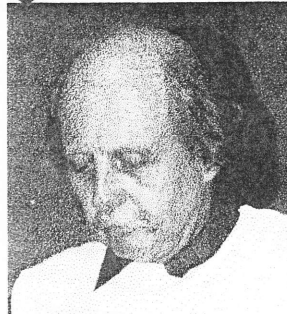


*IBM Territorial VP Dick Dale, left, swears in the new board: Gary Schwartzwald, Tom La Chance, Don Soul, Julie Dale, Ralph Mauzy and Paul Thomey.*

## The New Ring 76 Board of Directors



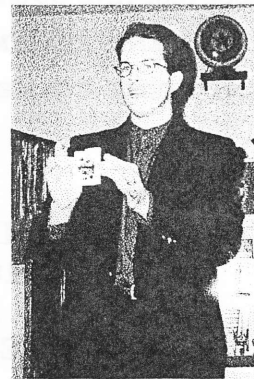
**Gary Schwartzwald**  
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*Entertainment VP*



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*Membership VP*



**Paul Thomey**  
*Close-Up contest winner  
Entertainer of the Year*



**Don Soul**  
*Stand-Up contest winner*



**Don Soul**  
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**Paul Thomey**  
*Member-at-large*



Does anyone you know have an interest in magic? Make copies of this flyer and hand them out!

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### INTERESTED IN MAGIC ?

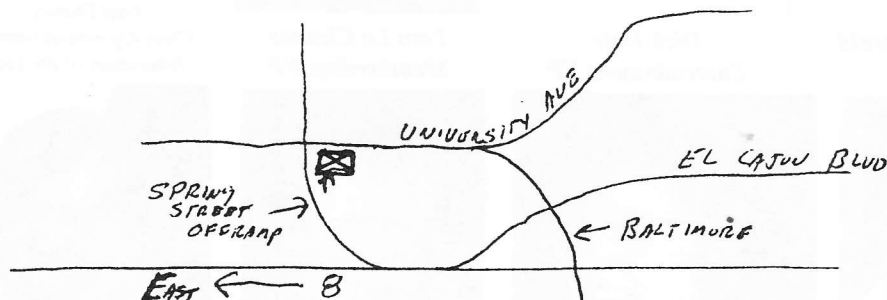
WHETHER YOU'RE AN AMATURE, HOBBYIST, SEMI-PRO OR PROFESSIONAL,  
THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU

WE MEET THE SECOND MONDAY EACH MONTH AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
IN LA MESA. PARKING AND ENTRANCE TO OUR MEETING ROOM ARE AT THE BACK  
OF THE LEGION HALL.

THE EVENINGS BEGIN AT 6:30 WITH A PRE-MEETING SESSION AIMED AT PROVIDING  
HELPFUL INFORMATION TO MAGICIANS OF ALL LEVELS. WHETHER IT'S MEMBERS  
CONDUCTING TEACH-INS OR OPEN SEMINARS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS, THERE  
ARE ALWAYS USEFUL KNOWLEDGE AND TIPS TO BE LEARNED.

RING BUSINESS AND LOCAL MAGIC NEWS ARE DISCUSSED NEXT, FOLLOWED  
BY OUR MAIN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM. EACH MONTH'S MEETING HAS A  
DIFFERENT THEME AND MEMBERS AS WELL AS GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
PERFORM MAGIC

**LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
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LA MESA  
(SEE MAP BELOW)**



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## Ring 76 June Meeting

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The first went to Paul Thomey, whose delightful "Jack the Ripper" theme stole first place in the Close-Up competition held in January. Next up, the June Stand-Up competition award went to Don Soul for his portrayal of ShamanDon, Mystic Seer. This was followed by the overall Entertainer of the Year presentation for that one special performer who, month after month, gave us everything he had. That went to...Paul Thomey, who received one of the gawdiest loving cups ever sold at a swap meet! Congratulations Paul and everyone else who participated in those competitions. With the board relatively unchanged for the coming year, all members of Ring 76 can count on more of the same contests. The competition should be fierce.

An important announcement by IBM territorial VP Dick Dale was also made. Ring 76 has been awarded the International Brotherhood of Magicians' Ring Recognition Award for Superiority as an IBM chapter and all the board members involved in its preparation, which dated as far back as October, '96, are to be commended for their efforts. (And, indeed they were, judging from the guests reactions).

Closing the evening was our featured performer, **Max Howard**, who gave us one heck of a show highlighting the magician's role as an actor. In the guise of his favorite character, civil war soldier William Augustus Reich (who was a real person), Max gave us classic magic

Those bad boys of magic, Penn and Teller, return to San Diego in December headlining the Flash Performance series at the La Jolla Playhouse. For details, call (619) 550-1010. Prices are \$22-\$39.

Congratulations go to two new IBM Order of Merlin Ring members, **Jeff Marcus** and **Gary Dismukes**, each an IBM member for 25 years!

## Board Meeting

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Dick Dale motioned to set policy that, in the future, those having sent money to reserve space at a Ring event will not have their money refunded if they fail to be present at the event. This idea was based on the fact that even though our banquet turn out of 81 exceeded the 73 guests expected, the Ring suffered a loss of approximately \$375 for the evening.

One member's notes on the back of the voting ballot indicated that visitors to a Ring meeting should be introduced by his or her sponsor. In view of the notion that some visitors may attend as a result of fliers at **Brad Burt** or otherwise unsponsored, Dick suggested having designated greeters to provide such function.

The cost of the performance platform was next taken on. The board agreed to reimburse Don for his unauthorized payment for the platform to **Tom Kasner** due to the ill-timed necessity to provide it. On the subject of reimbursement, Julie informed us that **Joe Mystic** would like a retabulation of newsletter expenses he incurred prior to July, 1997 citing a discrepancy between his estimated cost and the valid receipts he submitted.

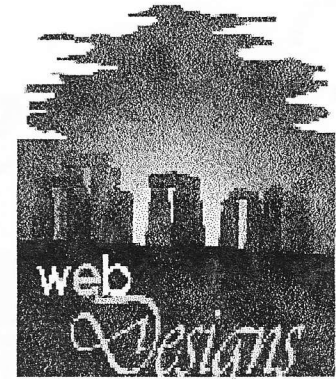
Regarding **Rick Bruce's** public show plans, the board decided to hold the show at the Legion Hall with parking left up to those who attend, since the used car lot next to the Hall is not an option. Therefore, Rick should proceed. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Ring 76 Online

<http://www.websmart.com/ring76>

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Thanks to the diligence of Tom Kasner, you're in for a treat when you visit our site. Archived pictures galore.

Find out what the Ring is all about by getting on the web NOW. Links to many magical sites are also listed. Be sure to let Tom know it's great.



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## AT THE CASTLE

## What's Happening

- August 10 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
theme: David Neighbors lecture
- August 24 7:00 pm Board meeting  
Gary Schwartzwald's home
- September 14 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
theme: Comedy magic  
pre-meeting: Rope and string teach-in
- September 29 7:00 pm Board meeting  
Gary Schwartzwald's home
- October 12 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa  
theme: Dealer's night  
pre-meeting: Collector's corner
- October 25-31 Magic heritage week

August 17 - 23	August 24 - 30	August 31 - Sep 6
<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>David Regal</b> Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 <b>Daryl</b>  <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>Bruce Cervon</b> Late - 11:15 - 11:45 - 12:15 <b>Jeff Martin</b>  <b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 <b>Dana Daniels</b> <b>Dan Birch &amp; Terry</b>  <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 <b>Jim Copperman</b>	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>Manuel Muerte</b> Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 <b>Tom Ogden</b>  <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>Michael Forbes</b> Late - 10:45 - 11:15 - 12:15 <b>Howard Jay</b>  <b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 <b>Victor &amp; Diamond</b> <b>Larry Wilson &amp; Co</b>  <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 <b>Brian Jacobs</b>	<b>CLOSE-UP GALLERY</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>Earl Nelson</b> Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30 <b>George Millward</b>  <b>PARLOUR</b> Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30 <b>The Falkensteins</b> Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15 <b>Alfonso</b>  <b>PALACE of MYSTERY</b> 8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15 <b>Whit Haydn</b> <b>Mystina</b> <b>Adrian Van Vactor</b>  <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH PARLOUR</b> Children's Shows 12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15 <b>Bob Stone</b>

### LECTURES

(for magician members only)

Lectures are held at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlour.

- Aug 9 **Ron London** Ron is well-known for his extensive work with the National I.B.M. He has been performing and lecturing in the Magic Castle for many years. This lecture will be about how to perform easy magic with everyday objects, that everyone can do.
- Aug 16 **Mike Rogers** There is no better-known name in the trade show business than Mike Rogers. His knowledge and experience of practical commercial magic is unsurpassed and he is willing to share his ideas and thoughts with you. Look for some neat items he will have for sale.
- Aug 23 **B. J. Hickman** This busy New England professional will share some of his ideas on entertaining family audiences with tricks, routines and funny bits of business. B.J. does many children's shows and will show some new twists on old tricks.
- Aug 30 **Manuel Muerte** Manuel is from Munich, Germany and is one of the famous AFlicking Fingers® group who won the SARTOMI award at the Desert Magic Seminar earlier this year. He has won several FISM awards and will be lecturing on close-up magic.